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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### AUSTRALIA.

*Suspected plague at Newcastle—Confirming cablegram of March 21.*

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES, April 4, 1902.

SIR: I beg to inform you that I sent the following cable to you on March 21, 1902: "Department of State, Washington, D. C., plague, Goding." But 1 case has yet occurred and that is convalescent, yet several other suspects are under observation. I, with most of the medical profession here, have grave doubts as to its being a case of true bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

F. W. GODING,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

### BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.*

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, May 18, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 18, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Causes of death, phthisis, 1; debility, 2; enteritis, 1; tetanus, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 15, steamship *Geo. Dumois*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 16, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 40; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 11; baggage disinfected, 13 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

### CHINA.

*Plague and cholera in Canton—Precautions against spread.*

[No. 189.]

CANTON, CHINA, April 17, 1902.

SIR: In further continuation of my No. 184, regarding the spread of Asiatic cholera in Canton and vicinity, I have the honor to report as follows:

On Wednesday, April 16, 1902, I received the following report from